

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method for managing content displayed on an information management (IM) unit, said method comprising:

providing selection means for enabling a user to select a first input for receipt by said IM unit, said first input
10 comprising a synchronized datastream received from a server, said synchronized datastream being synchronized with an event being presented in a first medium; and

providing means for enabling said user to select a second input for receipt by said IM unit, said second input comprising a data stream wherein content of said second input is unsynchronized with said event.

2. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said IM unit
20 is enabled to be coupled to a docking station, said IM unit including means for displaying content associated with said first and second inputs.

3. The method as set forth in claim 2 wherein said display
25 means comprises a touch-sensitive display screen by which said user is enabled to make selections by applying pressure to selected display screen areas.

4. The method as set forth in claim 3 wherein said selection
30 means is included as part of said IM unit.

5. The method as set forth in claim 4 wherein said IM unit further includes an indicator to indicate which of said first and second inputs is selected.

5 6. The method as set forth in claim 4 wherein said IM unit further includes an indicator to indicate a channel identification source for said first input.

10 7. The method as set forth in claim 4 wherein said IM unit further includes means for retrieving a history file, said history file containing a history of links displayed on said IM unit.

15 8. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said first input is synchronized with a television signal for a selected television program, and said second input is provided through a connection to an Internet server.

20 9. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said selection means is arranged to enable said user to switch between said first and second inputs in a time synchronous real-time manner such that said first input is displayed in real-time content position after switching from said second input.

25 10. A medium containing machine-readable code, said code being selectively readable to provide program signals for executing a method for managing content displayed on an information management (IM) unit, said method comprising:

30 providing selection means for enabling a user to select a first input for receipt by said IM unit, said first input comprising a synchronized datastream received from a server,

said synchronized datastream being synchronized with an event being presented in a first medium; and

5 providing means for enabling said user to select a second input for receipt by said IM unit, said second input comprising a data stream wherein content of said second input is unsynchronized with said event.

11. The medium as set forth in claim 10 wherein said IM unit
10 is arranged to be coupled to a docking station for docking at least one IM unit, said IM unit including means for displaying content associated with said first and second inputs.

15 12. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein said display means comprises a touch-sensitive display screen by which said user is enabled to make selections by applying pressure to selected display screen areas.

20 13. The medium as set forth in claim 12 wherein said selection means is included as part of said IM unit.

14. The medium as set forth in claim 13 wherein said IM unit further includes an indicator to indicate which of said 25 first and second inputs is selected.

15. The medium as set forth in claim 13 wherein said IM unit further includes an indicator to indicate a channel identification source associated with said first input.

16. The medium as set forth in claim 13 wherein said IM unit further includes means for retrieving a history file, said history file containing a history of links displayed on said IM unit.

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17. The medium as set forth in claim 10 wherein said first input is related to a television signal for a selected television program, and said second input is provided through a connection to an Internet server.

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18. The medium as set forth in claim 10 wherein said selection means is arranged to enable said user to switch between said first and second inputs in a time synchronous real-time manner such that said first input is displayed in real-time content position after switching from said second input.

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19. A system for managing content displayed on an information management (IM) unit, said system comprising:

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selection means for enabling a user to select a first input for receipt by said IM unit, said first input comprising a synchronized datastream received from a server, said synchronized datastream being synchronized with an event being presented in a first medium; and

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switching means for enabling said user to select a second input for receipt by said IM unit, said second input comprising a data stream wherein content of said second input is unsynchronized with said event.

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